

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 6

12 October 2018

Headteacher's Message

This week, the PTA held their latest meeting, partly to plan new events for the coming term, but also to discuss what they will fund next in the school. Last year the PTA raised a fantastic amount of money and they are busy planning equally successful events this year. It has been decided that the PTA will help fund new technology equipment for the school. The first part will be a set of iPads which children across the school will use. This will complement the desktops in the ICT suite which, in the second stage of funding, will be replaced. This will leave us with a fantastic facility for children to enjoy in the coming years and it will be completed before the end of the academic year, so the current Year 2 pupils will have a chance to enjoy them, too. My thanks go to the PTA for their continued support.

Nursery has welcomed new additions this week – two guinea pigs called Alvin and Theodore are settling into their new home in Rainbow Room. They have an indoor hutch and an outdoor home too, for during the milder months.



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Extra-curricular Activities 15 – 19 October 2018


Monday 15th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 16th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 17th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 18th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 19th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 15 – 19 October 2018

Monday 15th	
Tuesday 16th	
Wednesday 17th	Deadline for booking Parents Evening appointments
Thursday 18th	
Friday 19th	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 5 October 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	99.7	0	99.7	
Elf Owls	96.0	5	91.0	
Barn Owls	99.6	1	98.6	
Snowy Owls	98.4	5	93.4	
Spectacled Owls	99.0	6	93.0	
Tawny Owls	99.7	2	97.7	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington's class, for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this week!

Awarded by our caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his assistant, Mrs Turtle

LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her lunchtime staff

Rainbow Room	Luke T
Blue Room	Seth M
Red Room	Nathaniel M
Little Owls	Faye G
Elf Owls	Rachel M
Barn Owls	Lucy C
Snowy Owls	Mason C
Spectacled Owls	Laycie L
Tawny Owls	Harvey C

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children welcomed new members to Rainbow Room this week; 2 lovely guinea pigs called Alvin & Theodore! They were very excited watching them & learning about how they live. There was lots of great counting this week too, as the children used their conkers to practice; not just reciting the numbers but moving a conker for each number. They also enjoyed learning about other animals, where they live & what sounds they make, using stories, games & singing 'Jungle Boogie'.</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>In Red Room the children have been using the 'Gingerbread Man' story to join in with repeated phrases, act out sections & learn story structure, as well as decorating gingerbread men, getting creative with brown play dough & using buttons to support counting and sorting. Blue Room made chocolate conkers using hand, wrist & shoulder strength, as well as having soup in their role play area, using seasonal vegetables, counting items, mark making lists & verbalising their preferences. Outside they have all been making conker snails as well as challenging and timing each other with physical movement cards.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>We have continued learning about Autumn by reading the story of the 'Prickly Hedgehog' and the children have used the Alphablocks to make words about the story. We have continued our Phase 2 phonics by playing lots of blending and segmenting games and in Maths, we have looked at alternative ways of making numbers; the Numberblocks have helped us to recognise the formations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELF OWLS</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">BARN OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, we have been focusing on rhyme in English. We created our own rhyming strings, as well as finding rhyming words in different nursery rhymes and poems. We focussed on subtraction in Maths, using the 'part, part, whole' model to help us, as well as answering calculations where we have to find the missing number. In Topic we have been learning about William Webb Ellis who we found out about on our school trip last week. In Phonics we have been looking at the 'ai' family graphemes and different ways the 'ai' sounds can be spelt.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>In English we have been learning about adverbs & how to use them in instructional writing. Confidence is growing with vocabulary such as verbs, adverbs & time adverbials. The children have sequenced & generated vocabulary linked to instructional writing & we have begun rehearsing our instructions to make a cheese & cucumber sandwich. In Maths we continue our work with place value & have been focusing on the 'part, part, whole' model as well as partitioning numbers. The children have worked hard to reason & make comparisons between two numbers. In Topic we designed & made a firework buggy for evaluation. In SPaG we continued with short & long vowel sounds & sorting them. This week's spellings are - wild, climb, children, only & both. In Maths please continue to practice number bonds to 10 & 20.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

This week, our congratulations
go to.....

Corin M-B for receiving her Little Kickers
Certificate of Achievement for Defending

Mason C for receiving his Little Kickers
Certificate of Achievement for Defending

Lily N for achieving her Pre-Primary award
in Dance

Amy J for making her Rainbow Guide
Promise

Well done everyone!



Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School
PTA' on Facebook or e-mail
dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com
if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now
available on the school website
www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk
under 'Parent Zone'

TERM DATES 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Half Term

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 23 November

Term Ends

Friday 21 December

Spring Term 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 7 January

Term Starts

Tuesday 8 January

Half Term

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

Term Ends

Friday 12 April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts

Monday 29 April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6 May

Half Term

Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

Teacher Training Day

Friday 21 June

Term Ends

Friday 19 July

Teacher Training Day

Monday 22 July

**FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD**

Donations for Dunchurch
Infant Second Hand Uniform
Shop gratefully received

Please leave any unwanted or outgrown
items at the School Office.



Many thanks
Dunchurch Infant PTA



For further details contact Leanne on 07977 656951

WOODY'S BLOG

I've got some very exciting news for you this week..... on Wednesday 17 October, Mrs Beech and myself are doing a live interview on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio Station! It will be around 8.45pm, so you will all probably be tucked up in bed. They want to talk to me about what it is like being a school dog and I can't wait to tell them all how much I enjoy it. As you can see, I have enjoyed sitting on my executive chair this week, in preparation for my interview.

A message from Mrs Beech – If you have any quotes from your child about Woody, please send them to lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk.

Many thanks – have a good weekend!

Woof, woof

From Woody xx

ST. PETER'S CHURCH INVITES
YOU TO THEIR

ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S EVENT

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER
10AM-12PM
ST PETER'S CHURCH
DUNCHURCH

Craft activities, healthy snacks
and lots of fun! £2 per child.
Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-saints-party-tickets-50828133315 or
via St Peter's Facebook page.

FUTURE PTA EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting
Wednesday 10 October at 7.30pm

Film Night – Peter Rabbit
Tuesday 16 October at 3.15pm



Cake & Second Hand Uniform Sales
Friday 26 October after school



Hot Chocolate Friday
after school every first Friday of the month
starting 9 November



Christmas Parties
Friday 7 December
5 – 6pm Nursery & Reception
6.30 – 7.30pm Years 1 & 2



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

October

- 23 3.30 – 7pm School Parents' Meetings with teachers
- 23 3.30 – 7pm Blue Room & Rainbow Room Parents' Meetings with Key Workers
- 24 Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils (*unless parents have opted out*)
- 24 3.30 – 7pm Red Room Parents' Meetings with Key Workers
- 24 3.30 – 6pm School Parents' Meetings with teachers

November

- 13 Individual School Photos
- 21 Year 1 visit to St Peter's Church, Dunchurch

December

- 6 Year 2 Trip to Coventry Cathedral
- 7 PTA Christmas Parties
- 11 Rotary Club of Rugby – Dunsmore Christmas Carol Concert
- 14 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 14 Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Performances:**
- 17 **Dress Rehearsals:**
 - 9.15am – Year 2
 - 10am – Year 1
 - 10.45am – Red Room & Elf Owls
 - 1.30pm – Blue Room & Little Owls
- 18 **First Performances:**
 - 9.15am – Red Room & Elf Owls
 - 10am – Blue Room & Little Owls
 - 10.45am – Year 1
 - 1.30pm – Year 2
- 19 **Second Performances:**
 - 9.15am – Year 2
 - 10am – Year 1
 - 10.45am – Red Room & Elf Owls
 - 1.30pm – Blue Room & Little Owls
- 21 Christingle

PARENTS' MEETINGS

School Meetings:

Tuesday 23 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
and

Wednesday 24 October: 3.30 – 6pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Parents will be able to book a 10-minute slot via our online booking system from 8pm on Monday 1 October, by visiting:

www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

**The closing date for appointments is
Wednesday 17 October at midnight**

Nursery Meetings:

Tuesday 23 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Blue Room & Rainbow Room
and

Wednesday 24 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Red Room

Parents will be able to sign up for their 10-minute slot via the notice board in their child's cloakroom



SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are applying for Reception or Junior School places for September 2019, the national deadline is:

15 January 2018

Apply online at:
warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

TEAMS4U – CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

“People say ‘it’s just a shoebox’ but it isn’t. It tells that child someone, somewhere, has done this for them; that someone cares about them.”

Just before the forthcoming half term break, we will be handing out to the children a leaflet about the above appeal. Many of you have supported this charity over the years and we hope that you will be able to do so again this year.

If you would like to start collecting some items now instead of waiting, here is a short list of some of the items that you could include in each shoebox:

For boys or girls – aged 3-12+:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, soap & flannel, gloves, hat & scarf, socks & underwear, stationery & paper and hair accessories/brush

Please also include:

A soft toy, game or puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small rubber ball/ inflatable ball, sweets and a photo of yourself

For the home:

Candles, small toiletries, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, headscarves, jewellery, make-up, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, plastic utensils, bowls & cups, washing up cloths and clothes pegs

Please DO NOT include:

Food (with the exception of sweets), medicines, toy soldiers/toy tanks/toy guns, aerosols or anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels

When your shoebox is complete, please attach the form that will be in the leaflet and enclose it in an envelope with the recommended donation of £2.50 and put it inside your shoebox. Please cover your shoebox with decorative paper and put a strong elastic band around it.

All that is left to do is bring it into school **before Friday 9 November!**

